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1. About 1948 work on the construction of a railroad line from Tayshet on the Trans-Siberian Railroad Line, west of Irkutsk to Lena was started. The line crosses the Angara River near Bratsk, runs around the northern tip of Lake Baikal and then continues to the east. By February 1950, the line was completed as far as Kairovo. Work on the line had allegedly been started also from Lena. The target date for the completion of the line was May 1950. The line is single-track except for passing sidings. The embankment of the track has been built so narrow that no second track could be later laid. In the western section of the line there are two bridges, one near Kairovo over a small unidentified river, and the other one across the Angara River. The Angara River bridge is about 200 meters long and is a steel arch bridge resting on six concrete piers, four of which are river piers. The structure is 8 to 10 meters above the river. The bridge has been designed in such a way that a second track can be laid in addition to a roadway for vehicular traffic. \*
2. A hard-surfaced highway about 12 meters wide has been built along the railroad line. This road is in a good condition and is also serviceable in the winter. It was used for the supply of the Chinese Red Army in 1949. Mainly fuel in drums, weapons, and ammunition were observed on heavy three-axle trucks with trailers.

Since the bridge over the Angara River has been built wide enough to carry a second track, it is believed that the railroad line concerned will be double-track in that district.

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